

BACKGROUND

At the September 2002 Commission Meeting, staff informed Commissioners that a complete update of the 2002 Budget Act would be provided at this meeting. The is information item provides an update on the Commission's Budget 2002-03 budget as signed by the Governor.

SUMMARY

On September 5, 2002, Governor Davis signed the 2002 Budget Act into law. The following items highlight the changes to the Commission's budget as a result of legislative actions during budget hearings as reflected in the 2002 Budget Act.

- Addition of \$1,498,000, Teacher Credentials Fund, for the third-year cost of the Teacher Credential Service Improvement Project.
- Reappropriation of \$8,350,000, General Fund, for the Alternative Certification-Intern and Pre-Intern Programs.
- Reduction of \$66,000, General Fund, for the Governor's Teaching Fellowships Administration.
- Reduction of \$1,575,000, General Fund, for the first-time Teacher Credential Fee Buyout Program.
- Reduction of \$10,200,000, General Fund, for the Alternative Certification, Pre-Intern, and Paraprofessional Programs.

In addition, the Legislature adopted the following Supplemental Reporting Language that requires the Legislative Analyst's Office to report to the Legislature by March 15, 2003 on the cost associated with processing teacher credentials.

Item 6360-001-0001—California Commission on Teacher Credentialing

1. ***Costs Associated With Processing Teacher Credentials.*** The Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) shall (a) assess the costs associated with processing teacher credentials and (b) identify options for covering and/or redistributing these costs. The CTC shall provide the LAO with all the information it requests by November 1, 2002. The LAO shall submit a report to the Legislature by March 15, 2003.